

Michael Eugene McKinzy, Sr. is an American inventor, entrepreneur, and advocate for secure voting systems, best known for creating EVoteTechnology—a biometric-based electronic voting identity authentication system.[scribd.com+7scribd.com+7stage32.com+7](#)

Early Life and Education

McKinzy's interest in technology began early. At age 11, he purchased his first computer, a Commodore VIC-20, and soon after upgraded to a Commodore 64, teaching himself BASIC programming. He graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City in 1986, ranking 11th in his class, and enrolled in the Electronic Engineering Bachelor of Science program at DeVry Institute of Technology (now DeVry University). After a hiatus, he resumed his studies in 2021 to complete his degree [.stage32.com](#)

Invention of EVoteTechnology

McKinzy's drive to modernize voting systems intensified after the contested 2000 U.S. presidential election and the events of January 6, 2021. In 2011, he became a finalist in the Google Fiber International Challenge, where he proposed a biometric voting system. Although he did not win, his idea garnered media attention [.stage32.comstage32.com](#)

EVoteTechnology employs a three-part voter identity authentication system using palm vein scans, DNA samples, and genealogical information to verify voter identities at polling stations. This system aims to enhance security and reduce voter fraud [.linkedin.com+6patents.justia.com+6stage32.com+6](#)

Patents and Recognition

McKinzy holds two U.S. patents for his invention:

- Patent No. 11,263,853, issued on March 1, 2022[x.com+4linkedin.com+4stage32.com+4](#)
- Patent No. 11,488,272, issued on November 1, 2022[patents.justia.com+3stage32.com+3twitter.com+3](#)

These patents cover the electronic voting identity authentication system and method [.stage32.com+5patents.justia.com+5scribd.com+5](#)

In 2024, McKinzy was nominated for the Presidential National Medal of Technology and Innovation for his work on EVoteTechnology, which not only aims to eradicate voter fraud but also provides authentication services for other transactions requiring identity verification [.stage32.com+6scribd.com+6x.com+6](#)

Other Endeavors

Beyond his technological innovations, McKinzy is the CEO of V.I.P. (Voter Integrity Party) LLC and has ventured into filmmaking. He authored a screenplay titled "Road to Fruition: EVoteTechnology," which narrates the journey of an inventor striving to bring his idea to life amidst evolving patent laws and technological advancements [.scribd.com+2stage32.com+2scribd.com+2stage32.com](#)

McKinzy continues to advocate for secure and transparent voting systems, emphasizing the importance of technological advancements in upholding democratic processes.